



MEWP Overturns During Access to Field

On Thursday 4th December at approximately 08:45, a contractor's MEWP slid down a grass track and rolled through a fence onto a busy road in Prestatyn, North Wales. The driver of the vehicle was taken to A&E as a precautionary measure, they were discharged later in the day, no injuries were sustained.

The purpose of this Express is to serve as a reminder of good practice to be followed when accessing and egressing work locations.

The risks from plant operations vary depending on the task, type of plant and the environment; there are always some important factors to consider before plant operations commence.



Overturned MEWP



Incident Location

Recommendations and action points

Planning

- Safe access and egress to point of work must be considered during the project planning phase.
- Assess ground conditions, gradient and potential impact from adverse weather conditions.
- The risks associated with access & egress should be assessed and, where an unacceptable risk is identified, suitable controls should be put in place to ensure safety.

Selection of vehicle/plant/equipment

- Select appropriate vehicle, plant or equipment for the task and the environment it will be operating in.
- Ensure the vehicle, plant and equipment is maintained and certified as required.
- If the vehicle, plant or equipment is unsuitable for the proposed working environment, do not proceed, cease work until a safe system of work has been agreed.

Driver/Operator

- Must be a trained and competent driver/operator.
- Consider their experience with vehicle, plant or equipment and the environment they will be operating in.
- Off road driving training courses will improve competency of drivers who are required to operate vehicles on rough ground, away from normal roads.